

This is Casey Dolan with your local news and commentary for Wednesday, August 16, 2023 on KPTZ 91.9 FM in Port Townsend, Washington.

The heat is what's hot: On Sunday, the temperature hit 85 degrees with 47% humidity in Port Townsend at 4:16pm. It was 82 on both Sunday and Monday as well. The Washington State Department of Health quotes the Weather Service as saying "dangerously hot conditions" are predicted across much of Western Washington today through Thursday evening. Temperatures are forecasted to reach the high 90s and pass 100 degrees in some areas. Local cooling centers include the Tri-Area Community Center in Chimacum, 9am to 1pm; Quilcene Community Center, 8am to 2pm; Brinnon Visitor's Center, 9am to 1pm; Port Townsend Senior Center, 9am to 4pm; and the Jefferson County Library in Hadlock, 10am to 7pm. All times are for Tuesday through Thursday. Cooling centers are a key resource in protecting people from heat-related illness and other complications caused by hot weather. Other recommendations by the Department of Health include to stay indoors and in an air-conditioned environment as much as possible; keep your home cool by closing windows and shades during daylight hours; stay hydrated and drink plenty of non-alcoholic fluids. Keep outdoor pets safe and make sure they have protection from heat. Never leave people or pets in a parked vehicle. Take frequent breaks when working outdoors and wear wide-brimmed hats, light-colored, loose-fitting clothing, and protect your skin from sunburn. Finally, if you notice symptoms of heat illness (dizziness, nausea, headaches, muscle cramps), act immediately. Move to a cooler location to rest for a few minutes and seek medical attention right away if you do not feel better.

The state Transportation Commission has approved a 4.25% fare increase on state ferries effective October 1, according to a Department of Transportation press release. The commission also approved an additional 4.25% increase for Oct. 1, 2024 and adopted a policy change that clarifies that fuel surcharges must be reviewed and approved by the commission before they are implemented. The Port Townsend-Coupeville route will see passenger fares, which are paid in both directions, rise from \$3.95 to \$4.10 in October and \$4.25 in 2024. Vehicles in the 14-foot to 22-foot range will see the current fare of \$13.35 rise to \$13.90 in October and to \$14.50 in 2024.

And now a little of the macabre: The Clallam County Sheriff's Facebook page announces an effort to identify human remains that had been found in 2008. In August of that year, someone walking on the beach near the old Silver King Resort west of Port Angeles discovered a shoe containing a sock and what appeared to be skeletal remains. Detectives responded to the scene and collected the items and investigators with the King County Medical Examiner's Office confirmed the remains found inside of the shoe were part of a human foot.

The Clallam County Sheriff's Office published details of the discovery along with photographs of the shoe and the tube sock. Investigators confirmed that the shoe was a size 11 Everest brand made for the right foot. Additionally, a Levi's brand tube sock was also recovered. No other identifying information was discovered and despite investigators' efforts, the identity of the individual remains unknown.

Now, the Clallam County Sheriff's Office have partnered with Othram, a company which specializes in forensic genetic genealogy to resolve unsolved murders, disappearances, and identification of unidentified decedents, to determine if advanced DNA testing can help to determine the identity of the person to whom the recovered foot belongs. Othram scientists will develop a suitable DNA extract that can be used with Forensic Grade Genome Sequencing to develop a comprehensive DNA profile to be used in records research and forensic genetic

genealogy. The Clallam County Sheriff's Office asks that if anyone possesses information that could aid in the investigation, they should contact the Clallam County Sheriff's Office by calling 360-417-2262 and referencing agency case number 2008-7859.

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